

Dr. Lewis L. Judd, Advocate of Brain Science, Dies at 88

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Dr. Lewis L. Judd, who as the country’s top mental health official helped put in place the so-called Decade of the Brain, an ambitious research agenda focused on brain biology as the key to understanding and treating psychiatric problems, died on Dec. 16 in San Diego. He was 88.

His death, at an assisted-living facility, was confirmed recently by his wife, Patricia Judd, a professor in the department of psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego, of which Dr. Judd was chairman for decades. She said the cause was cardiac arrest.

Dr. Judd was one of a generation of prominent psychiatrists who came to believe that the work of Freud and Jung, on which they had trained, was more art than science. Biology and genetics were the way forward, they argued, and Dr. Judd was in the right place at the right time to help make that happen.

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